# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**Thursday, 25th July, 1957.**

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

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### I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

### STARRED QUESTIONS.

*"The Hindu"*

* 4 *S.N. Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR, SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN AND SRI M. P. SUBRAMANIAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any information that the Madras Union of Journalists have served strike notice on the *Hindu* management consequent on the dismissal of the General Secretary of the Union for his trade union activities; and

(*b*) if so, what action Government propose to take to settle this dispute?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The dispute regarding the termination of services of Sri R. Narasimhan, Sub-Editor of *The Hindu*, and the relief to which he is entitled, has been referred to the Labour Court, Madras, for adjudication.

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Sattanatha Karayalar . . .

SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Sir, the matter has already gone before a Court . . . . .

MR. SPEAKER : Labour courts are generally not considered equivalent to ordinary courts. This has gone up for some arbitration. So though I may permit supplementaries I do not want hon. Members to go deep questioning into this matter.

SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Is it a fact, Sir, that the Minister attempted a conciliation and may I also know what was the attitude of the management?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is a fact that the Minister tries to bring about a conciliation as a last resort, but now that the matter has gone to court, the court will decide on the merits of the case.

SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER : Is it the idea of the Government to take away all the powers of punishment of any subordinate for insubordination or disobedience of orders?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Government do not take away any powers. Wherever an industrial dispute exists, Government refer that dispute for adjudication by a competent and independent authority.